

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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 MONSTER CABLE PRODUCTS, INC.  
 Plaintiff(s),  
 v.  
 MONSTER DADDY, INC.  
 Defendant(s).  
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 U.S. DISTRICT COURT  
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C 07-03272 EMC

**ORDER SETTING INITIAL CASE  
MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE  
AND ADR DEADLINES**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Honorable Edward M. Chen. When serving the complaint or notice of removal, the plaintiff or removing defendant must serve on all other parties a copy of this order, the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California", the Notice of Assignment of Case to a United States Magistrate Judge for Trial, and all other documents specified in Civil Local Rule 4-2. Counsel must comply with the case schedule listed below unless the Court otherwise orders.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this action is assigned to the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Multi-Option Program governed by ADR Local Rule 3. Counsel and clients shall familiarize themselves with that rule and with the handbook entitled "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California."

**CASE SCHEDULE -ADR MULTI-OPTION PROGRAM**

Date	Event	Governing Rule
6/21/2007	Complaint filed	
9/5/2007	Last day to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>meet and confer re: initial disclosures, early settlement, ADR process selection, and discovery plan</li> <li>file Joint ADR Certification with Stipulation to ADR Process or Notice of Need for ADR Phone Conference</li> </ul>	<u>FRCivP 26(f) &amp; ADR L.R.3-5</u>  <u>Civil L.R. 16-8</u>
9/19/2007	Last day to file Rule 26(f) Report, complete initial disclosures or state objection in Rule 26(f) Report and file Case Management Statement per attached Standing Order re Contents of Joint Case Management Statement (also available at <a href="http://www.cand.uscourts.gov">http://www.cand.uscourts.gov</a> )	<u>FRCivP 26(a) (1)</u> <u>Civil L.R. 16-9</u>
9/26/2007	INITIAL CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE (CMC) in Courtroom C,15th Floor,SF at 1:30 PM	<u>Civil L.R. 16-10</u>

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**STANDING ORDER FOR CIVIL PRACTICE IN CASES  
ASSIGNED FOR ALL PURPOSES TO  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE EDWARD M. CHEN  
(1/27/06)**

The parties shall follow the General Orders of the Court for the Northern District of California, the Local Rules, and the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, except as expressly modified herein. Failure to comply with any of the rules and orders may be deemed sufficient grounds for monetary sanctions, dismissal, entry of default judgment, or other appropriate sanctions. The rules and orders are supplemented and modified as follows:

**A. STANDING ORDER RE MOTIONS AND CONFERENCES**

1. Criminal Law and Motion is heard on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Civil Law and Motion is heard on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Counsel need not reserve a hearing date in advance for civil motions. However, noticed dates may be reset as the Court's calendar requires.

2. Case Management Conferences are heard on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Pretrial Conferences are heard on Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m.

3. In cases that are randomly assigned to Judge Chen for all purposes, the parties are requested to file their written consent to the assignment of a U.S. Magistrate Judge for all purposes, or their written declination of consent, as soon as possible.

4. All scheduling questions should be addressed to Judge Chen's courtroom deputy, Betty Fong, at (415) 522-2034.

5. Law and motion matters may be submitted without argument upon stipulation of the parties and notification of the Court no later than two (2) court days before the hearing.

6. **In all "E-Filing" cases, when filing papers that require the Court to take any action (e.g. motions, meet and confer letters, administrative requests), the parties shall, in addition to filing papers electronically, lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers on three-hole punch paper (including all exhibits) by the close of the next court day following the day the papers are filed electronically. These printed copies shall be marked "EMC Chambers Copy" and shall be submitted to the Clerk's Office in an envelope clearly marked with the case number, "Magistrate Judge Edward M. Chen," and "E-Filing Chambers Copy." Parties shall not file a paper copy of any document with the Clerk's**

**Office that has already been filed electronically. A proposed order in an E-Filing case must be emailed to [emcipo@cand.uscourts.gov](mailto:emcipo@cand.uscourts.gov) as a WordPerfect attachment on the same day that it is E-Filed.** With permission, Chambers' copies of documents may be submitted on CD-ROM with hypertext links to exhibits.

## **B. STANDING ORDER RE DISCOVERY DISPUTES**

This Standing Order applies to all disclosures and discovery motions assigned to Judge Chen and is intended to supplement the Civil Local Rules of this District regarding motion practice (Civil L. R. 7-1 et seq.) and the resolution of disclosure or discovery disputes (Civil L. R. 37-1 et seq.).

7. Discovery motions may be addressed to the Court in three ways. A motion may be noticed on not less than thirty-five (35) days notice pursuant to Civil L. R. 7-2. Alternatively, any party may seek an order shortening time under Civil L. R. 6-3 if the circumstances justify that relief. In emergencies during discovery events (such as depositions), the Court is available pursuant to Civil L. R. 37-1(b). In the event a discovery dispute arises, counsel for the party seeking discovery shall in good faith confer **in person** with counsel for the party failing to make the discovery in an effort to resolve the dispute without court action, as required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 and Civil L. R. 37-1(a). The meeting must be **in person**, except where good cause is shown why a telephone meeting is adequate. A declaration setting forth these meet and confer efforts, and the final positions of each party, shall be included in the moving papers. The Court will not consider discovery motions unless the moving party has complied with Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 and Civil L. R. 37-1(a).

8. Motions for sanctions shall be filed by separate motion in accordance with the Fed. R. Civ. P. 37 and Civil L. R. 37-3. The parties shall comply with their meet and confer obligations pursuant to Civil L. R. 37-1(a). Parties who refuse to meet and confer will be subject to sanctions pursuant to Civil L. R. 37-3.

9. Any party filing an Emergency or Ex Parte Application **must** contact Judge Chen's courtroom deputy clerk, Betty Fong, at 415/522-2034.

## PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS

10. In responding to requests for documents and materials under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, all parties shall affirmatively state in a written response served on all other parties the full extent to which they will produce materials and shall, promptly after the production, confirm in writing that they have produced all such materials so described that are locatable after a diligent search of



all locations at which such materials might plausibly exist. It shall not be sufficient to object and/or to state that "responsive" materials will be or have been produced.

11. In searching for responsive materials in connection with a request under Fed. R. Civ. P. 34, parties must search computerized files, emails, voicemails, work files, desk files, calendars and diaries, and any other locations and sources if materials of the type to be produced might plausibly be expected to be found there.

12. Privilege logs shall be promptly provided and must be sufficiently detailed and informative to justify the privilege. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(b)(5). No generalized claims of privilege or work product protection shall be permitted. With respect to each communication for which a claim of privilege or work product is made, the asserting party must at the time of its assertion identify: (a) all persons making and receiving the privileged or protected communication; (b) the steps taken to ensure the confidentiality of the communication, including affirmation that no unauthorized persons have received the communication; (c) the date of the communication; and (d) the subject matter of the communication. Failure to furnish this information at the time of the assertion may be deemed a waiver of the privilege or protection.

13. To the maximum extent feasible, all party files and records should be retained and produced in their original form and sequence, including file folders, and the originals should remain available for inspection by any counsel on reasonable notice.

14. As soon as a party has notice of this order, the party shall take such reasonable steps as are necessary to preserve evidence related to the issues presented by the action, including, without limitation, interdiction of any document destruction programs and any ongoing erasures of emails, voicemails, and other electronically recorded material to the extent necessary to preserve information relevant to the issues presented by the action.

15. Except for good cause, no item will be received in evidence if the proponent failed to produce it in the face of a reasonable and proper discovery request covering the item, regardless of whether a motion to overrule any objection thereto was made.

#### DEPOSITIONS

16. Absent extraordinary circumstances, counsel shall consult in advance with opposing counsel and unrepresented proposed deponents to schedule depositions at mutually convenient times and places. Where an agreement cannot be reached as to any party deponent or a deponent represented by counsel of record, the following procedure may be invoked by the party seeking any such deposition. The party seeking such a deposition may notice it at least thirty (30) days in advance. If the noticed date and place is unacceptable to the deponent or the deponent's counsel, then within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice, the deponent or counsel for

the deponent must reply and counter-propose in writing an alternative date and place falling within thirty (30) days of the date noticed by the party seeking the deposition.

17. Counsel and parties shall comply with Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(d)(1). Deposition objections must be as to privilege or form only. Speaking objections are prohibited. When a privilege is claimed, the witness should nevertheless answer questions relevant to the existence, extent or waiver of the privilege, such as the date of a communication, who made the statement, to whom and in whose presence the statement was made, other persons to whom the contents of the statement have been disclosed, and the general subject matter of the statement, unless such information itself is itself privileged. Private conferences between deponents and attorneys in the course of interrogation, including a line of related questions, are improper and prohibited except for the sole purpose of determining whether a privilege should be asserted.

#### SANCTIONS

18. Failure to comply with this Order or the Local Rules of this Court may result in sanctions. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f), Civil L. R. 1-4.  
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Edward M. Chen  
United States Magistrate Judge

**STANDING ORDER FOR ALL JUDGES OF THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA**

**CONTENTS OF JOINT CASE MANAGEMENT STATEMENT**

Commencing March 1, 2007, all judges of the Northern District of California will require the identical information in Joint Case Management Statements filed pursuant to Civil Local Rule 16-9. The parties must include the following information in their statement which, except in unusually complex cases, should not exceed ten pages:

1. Jurisdiction and Service: The basis for the court's subject matter jurisdiction over plaintiff's claims and defendant's counterclaims, whether any issues exist regarding personal jurisdiction or venue, whether any parties remain to be served, and, if any parties remain to be served, a proposed deadline for service.
2. Facts: A brief chronology of the facts and a statement of the principal factual issues in dispute.
3. Legal Issues: A brief statement, without extended legal argument, of the disputed points of law, including reference to specific statutes and decisions.
4. Motions: All prior and pending motions, their current status, and any anticipated motions.
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6. Evidence Preservation: Steps taken to preserve evidence relevant to the issues reasonably evident in this action, including interdiction of any document-destruction program and any ongoing erasures of e-mails, voice mails, and other electronically-recorded material.
7. Disclosures: Whether there has been full and timely compliance with the initial disclosure requirements of Fed. R. Civ. P. 26 and a description of the disclosures made.
8. Discovery: Discovery taken to date, if any, the scope of anticipated discovery, any proposed limitations or modifications of the discovery rules, and a proposed discovery plan pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(f).
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10. Related Cases: Any related cases or proceedings pending before another judge of this court, or before another court or administrative body.
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damages sought and a description of the bases on which damages are calculated. In addition, any party from whom damages are sought must describe the bases on which it contends damages should be calculated if liability is established.

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13. Consent to Magistrate Judge For All Purposes: Whether all parties will consent to have a magistrate judge conduct all further proceedings including trial and entry of judgment.

14. Other References: Whether the case is suitable for reference to binding arbitration, a special master, or the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation.

15. Narrowing of Issues: Issues that can be narrowed by agreement or by motion, suggestions to expedite the presentation of evidence at trial (e.g., through summaries or stipulated facts), and any request to bifurcate issues, claims, or defenses.

16. Expedited Schedule: Whether this is the type of case that can be handled on an expedited basis with streamlined procedures.

17. Scheduling: Proposed dates for designation of experts, discovery cutoff, hearing of dispositive motions, pretrial conference and trial.

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19. Disclosure of Non-party Interested Entities or Persons: Whether each party has filed the "Certification of Interested Entities or Persons" required by Civil Local Rule 3-16. **In addition**, each party must restate in the case management statement the contents of its certification by identifying any persons, firms, partnerships, corporations (including parent corporations) or other entities known by the party to have either: (i) a financial interest in the subject matter in controversy or in a party to the proceeding; or (ii) any other kind of interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding.

20. Such other matters as may facilitate the just, speedy and inexpensive disposition of this matter.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No.

Plaintiff(s),

v.

**CASE MANAGEMENT  
CONFERENCE ORDER**

Defendant(s).

**CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 16 and Civil Local Rules 16-10, a Case Management Conference will be held in this case before the Honorable Edward M. Chen on \_\_\_\_\_, at 1:30 p.m., in Courtroom C, 15th Floor, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California. **The parties are required to appear in court at 1:00 p.m., thirty (30) minutes prior to the Case Management Conference, to discuss the case with one another including disclosure of relevant information and any possibilities for settlement.**

1. Plaintiff(s) shall serve copies of this Order and the Court's Standing Order for All Judges of the Northern District of California re: Contents of Joint Case Management Statement on all parties to this action, and on any parties subsequently joined, in accordance with the provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 and 5. Following service, Plaintiff(s) shall file a certificate of service with the Clerk of Court.

2. Lead trial counsel who will try this case are directed to confer in advance of the Case Management Conference with respect to the subjects detailed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 16©, 26(f), and all of



1 of the items referenced in the Court's Standing Order re: Contents of Joint Case Management  
2 Statement. Not less than seven (7) days before the conference, counsel shall file a Joint Case  
3 Management Conference Statement in compliance with Local Rule 16 and the Court's Standing  
4 Order. All documents filed with the Clerk of Court shall list the civil case number followed only by  
5 the initials "EMC." One copy shall be clearly marked as "EMC Chambers' Copy." Failure to file  
6 a Joint Case Management Conference Statement, without good cause, may subject a party to  
7 sanctions.

8 3. Each party shall be represented at the Case Management Conference by lead trial  
9 counsel (or a party if *in pro se*) prepared to address all of the matters referred to in the Court's  
10 Standing Order, and with authority to enter stipulations and make admissions pursuant to this Order.

11 4. Any request to reschedule the above dates should be made in writing, and by  
12 stipulation, if possible, not less than ten (10) days before the conference date. Good cause must be  
13 shown.

14 5. In all "E-Filing" cases, when filing papers that require the Court to take any  
15 action (e.g. motions, meet and confer letters, administrative requests), the parties shall, in  
16 addition to filing papers electronically, lodge with chambers a printed copy of the papers on  
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20 number, "Magistrate Judge Edward M. Chen," and "E-Filing Chambers Copy." Parties shall  
21 not file a paper copy of any document with the Clerk's Office that has already been filed  
22 electronically. A proposed order in an E-Filing case must be emailed to  
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24 E-Filed. With permission, Chambers' copies of documents may be submitted on CD-ROM with  
25 hypertext links to exhibits.


26 6. Each attorney of record in all "E-Filing" cases is obligated to become an ECF User  
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1 and be assigned a user ID and password for access to the system upon designation of the action as  
2 being subject to ECF. Registration shall be on a form prescribed by the Clerk. Attorneys of record  
3 who fail to register timely shall be subject to such sanctions as may be imposed by the Court.

4 7. Failure to comply with this Order, or provisions of the Fed. R. Civ. P. 16 and 26(f) or  
5 the provisions of Civil L. R. 16-10 may be grounds for sanctions. (See Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(f)).

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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8 Dated: March 1, 2007

  
EDWARD M. CHEN  
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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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4 NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT OF CASE  
5 TO A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE FOR TRIAL  
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7 Pursuant to General Order 44, the Assignment Plan of the United States District Court  
8 for the Northern District of California, this case has been randomly assigned to Magistrate Judge  
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10 Pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), with written consent of all parties, a magistrate  
11 judge may conduct all proceedings in the case. Attached is a form to complete if you consent to  
12 proceed before the assigned magistrate judge and a form to complete if you decline to proceed  
13 before the assigned magistrate judge. Electronic versions of both forms are also available at the  
14 Court's Internet site: <http://www.cand.uscourts.gov>. Click on Forms-Civil. A party is free to  
15 withhold consent without adverse consequences. If a party declines to consent, the case will be  
16 randomly reassigned to a district judge and a case management conference will be scheduled on  
17 the district judge's calendar as close as possible to the date presently scheduled before the  
18 magistrate judge.

19 You must file your consent or declination by the deadline for filing the initial case  
20 management statement.

21 The plaintiff or removing party shall serve a copy of this notice and all attachments upon  
22 all other parties to this action pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 4 and 5.  
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24 FOR THE COURT  
25 RICHARD W. WIEKING, CLERK  
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27 By: Deputy Clerk  
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United States District Court

For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C

Plaintiff(s),

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**CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

CONSENT TO PROCEED BEFORE A UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the provisions of Title 28, U.S.C. Section 636(c), the undersigned party hereby voluntarily consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in the case, including trial, and order the entry of a final judgment. Appeal from the judgment shall be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Counsel for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff, Defendant or indicate "pro se")



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

No. C

Plaintiff(s),

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**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE  
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
AND  
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Counsel for \_\_\_\_\_  
(Plaintiff, Defendant, or indicate "pro se")